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In re U.S. Patent Application of:)	
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Serial No.: 09/717,559)	Examiner: Manuel A. MENDEZ
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For: Safety Mechanisms to Prevent)	
Accidental Patient Injection)	
and Methods of Same)	

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION AND ELECTION REQUIREMENT

This is in response to the Office Action dated June 21, 2004. The original period for response was on or before July 21, 2004, but Applicant is concurrently filing a Petition for Extension of Time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) for two months until September 21, 2004. Thus, this Response is timely filed.

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REMARKS

Although Applicant believes that claim 1 is generic, Fig. 4 is elected to advance prosecution. Claims 1-33 read on Fig. 4.